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SUBJECT : W/W REVIEW CASES OF ALL AMCIT PRISONERS

REF: STATE 194199 & 230071

1. DENIAL OF CONSULAR ACCESS - PER POST FILES, BRYANT WAS ARRESTED ON AUGUST 20, 1973 AND FIRST VISITED BY CONOFF ON AUGUST 23, 1973. FILES DO NOT INDICATE THAT POST RECEIVED IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION OF ARREST, ALTHOUGH VISIT DID OCCUR LESS THAN 72 HOURS FROM TIME OF ARREST.

2. ALLEGATION OF ABUSE AT TIME OF ARREST/FORCED CONFESSION - PER POST FILES AND STARK MATERIAL, BRYANT ALLEGED ON AUGUST 23, 1973 THAT HE WAS TORTURED INTO MAKING CONFESSION AT TIME OF ARREST. AT TIME OF ALLEGATION, HE REQUESTED CONOFF NOT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT ALLEGED INCIDENT. CONOFF

INQUIRED TO LOCAL DA ABOUT TORTURE ALLEGATIONS AND DA DENIED TORTURE OCCURRED. BRYANT GAVE A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF TORTURE JULY 10, 1975 WHEN HE ALLEGED THAT HE HAD BACK AND EYE INJURIES BECAUSE OF TORTURE. HE CLAIMED THAT TWO AMERICANS WERE PRESENT AT TIME OF TORTURE WHICH INCLUDED REPEATED USE OF CATTLE PROD. FURTHER ALLEGED THAT MEDICAL FILES DESCRIBING THE TORTURE WERE REMOVED BY AMERICAN NARCOTICS AGENTS. DUE TO THE LAPSE OF ELEVEN MONTHS BETWEEN THE ALLEGED TORTURE AND THE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF
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THE INCIDENT AS WELL AS THE FACT THAT BRYANT DID NOT WISH

TO FILE COMPLAINT AT TIME OF ARREST, NO POST ACTION APPEARS
FEASIBLE UNLESS FURTHER EVIDENCE SUBSTANTIATING SUCH
CHARGES CAN BE PRODUCED.

3. ALLEGATION OF MISTREATMENT WHILE IN PRISON/MEDICAL
- PER POST FILES, BRYANT COMPLAINED ON JULY 15, 1974
THAT HE MIGHT HAVE TUBERCULOSIS SINCE HE HAD LIVED
WITH PRISONER WHO HAD A CONFIRMED CASE OF ACTIVE
TUBERCULOSIS. CONOFF TALKED TO PRISON NURSE WHO SAID
SHE WOULD ARRANGE FOR BRYANT TO BE SEEN BY DOCTOR.
BRYANT WAS SENT TO PRISON HOSPITAL IN MARCH 1975 FOR
TREATMENT FOR PHLEBITIS. HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON
HOSPITAL IN MAY 1975. BRYANT COMPLAINED ON JUNE 11,
1975 THAT HE WAS STILL SICK AND SHOULD BE HOSPITALIZED.
HE ASKED CONOFF TO GET MEDICAL RECORDS AT HOSPITAL IN
ORDER TO PROVE HE SHOULD BE IN HOSPITAL. JULY 10, 1975
CONOFF REPORTED TO BRYANT THAT ONLY RECORD HE COULD
OBTAIN WAS MEDICAL REPORT AND HE MUST REQUEST THIS
HIMSELF BECAUSE INFORMATION WOULD NOT BE RELEASED TO
THIRD PARTY. BRYANT FREQUENTLY COMPLAINED ABOUT NEED
TO PAY FOR MEDICINES DURING TIME OF MEDICAL PROBLEMS.
CONOFF REPEATEDLY ASSIST
BRYANT IN CONTACTING
RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO COULD PROVIDE MONEY AND
TRIED TO OBTAIN FREE MEDICINES FOR HIM BUT WAS
UNABLE TO DO SO.

4. BOND, BAIL, OR "FIANZA" - PER POST FILES, BRYANT
HAS RECEIVED SENTENCE OF FOUR YEARS INDICATING POSSIBLE
ELIGIBILITY FOR "FIANZA". FILES DO NOT INDICATE
"FIANZA" HAS BEEN SET. CONOFF WILL INQUIRE ABOUT
-"FIANZA" AT NEXT VISIT.
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